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I had a dream.

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Blue silk-like sky

Glimmering dancing flowers

수상소감

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And in such a beautiful scenery, there you were.

Oh -

You woke up.

.....?

H, hey ? You shouldn't be mov-
ACK !
-ing...
Ugh
Uck
Argh
Told you. You won't be walking soon.
Why are you so surprised? No one's gonna eat you.
Hey? You are misunderstanding something. I am not a bad guy ? Isn't that obvious?
Ah ?
DANGER
Well, this sword is
I can see your underwear

Hic ?!
I treated your wound. That's all I did.
I don't harm women and children.
... Trust me.
Princess.
By the way,
You are Kershian, aren't you ?
How old are you ? It looks like you haven't reached your awakening.
I guess it's a bit early to call you a princess.
Now is a good time ...

I can do this ...
I can still walk...
Well, it doesn't matter as long as you are pretty.
You reminded me my little sister.
Kill him.
I couldn't save her in time, you see.
Thanks for surviving.
"...Trust me."
... Ugh

loud cry

Waaa -
... hurts
....
sob
I don't want to die !
I want to live !

... So, I must kill
me to survive...
I have to do things I don't even want ?

....ha-
Haha, sorry.
Now you are acting your age
Hungry?
Here is strew, me approved. You will fall in love with it. It's hot Watch out.
Just eat.
You are hurt and starved. No wonder it's hard on you.
I am ... sorry to have hurt you

Wow, no kidding ?
Completely healed ! Not even a scar ! What an ability.
I am gonna run like hell if I ever encounter your race.
You endured well
Karzen.
... Why did you save me ?
Ah ?

I am your enemy.
I am sure you know. Why did you save me ?!
I heard there are hunters who capture only children and sell them as slaves. Are you them?
Haha, do I look like that kind of professional ?
Liar -
?!!
What-
What are you doing?!
Shhh -

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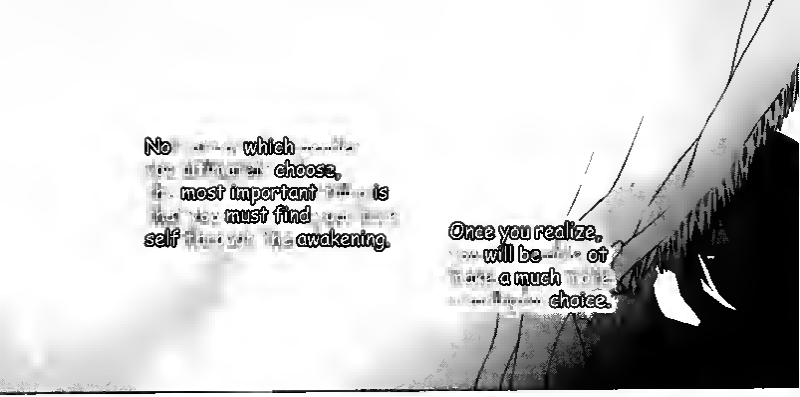
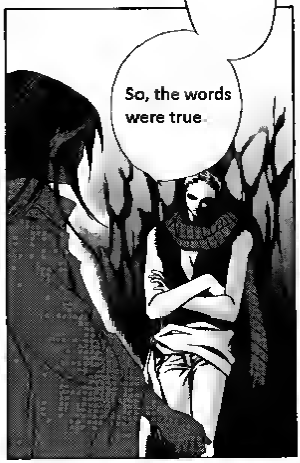
Shouldn't we go down and check it out just to be sure, captain ?
Nothing to lose but nothing to gain.
Withdraw. Sun is coming down soon.
He seems to want monsters, so tie him up on a tree for a night.
Ah, sir ! Please, it was just a mis-understanding!
Damn, I thought this area was neutral area
Are you alright? What a gift for getting well, I'd say !
Karzen ?
... Kill me

What?
I didn't-
I didn't ask you to save me ! You should have just let me die !
If you would have just let me die, I wouldn't have to go through this !
I'd rather die than be sold as a slave !
Are you serious ?!
You asked me why I saved you before, right ?
I trusted
I felt for once that You were different from humans I knew.
I saved you because I felt that you are I are pretty much the same.

Anyway I
I went through all kind of troubles to save you. Why would I give you away to someone?
Come here, crybaby.
Let's go back.
...Yeah
The strange warmth that visited me on some random day...
was warm enough for me to shed tears...
It hurts like hell
Rudin, you are bleeding on your back

-!!
Karu ?!
Karu !
You were alive ?!
What happened?! Where have you been?!
I came to see
The village chief.
The mark will appear upon awakening
Karzen, remember





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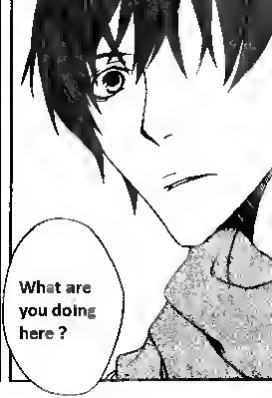
Where are you going?!
Haven't changed a bit, I see.
I keep telling you I will make you a queen. What's your problem ?
Once you become mine, my powers will be yours. We can have the world in our hands.
Quit this and just go through the awakening.
This will be the last time we see,
So, I will say one more thing.
I am not interested.
In becoming your puppet

Power is not everything to survive.


What are you doing here ?

Is that what you should say after simply disappearing and coming back like this?
You were acting strange last few days and I figured the time came.
So, you thought I ran away?

You still did wait.

Eh, well,
I am used to waiting.
You are what ?
Ah !
Who else are you waiting for other than me ?!
Oh -
Jealousy?
... Forget it !
Heh, nice to know.
Karzen, look at the sky.
What about sky?
They say the sky used to be silken blue when there was no war
I always wondered what it would be like looking at sky that was silken blue.
Of course, I am used to waiting.
Because I am curious
Of what it would look like beyond that dark gray sky.

It would look and feel like you probably...
Will I get to even see such sky ?
Yes, you can.
As long as ...
Those who are waiting don't lose their hope.
Karzen?
Wanna tag along?
Let us see the sky together when the time comes
I will become Rudin's woman.
...
Of course.

You don't want to?
When I saw you for the first time, I did feel that you'd make a fine woman. But situation changed.
Yes, being a beautiful woman isn't bad. In fact, it's good, but this is a war-ridden era.
Being beautiful is not something you want now. You know how women are treated now.
Hm, so...
I think I heard that you wanted to become a female
I did.
Don't overwork yourself.
You can bet that you will have a headache fending off men.
How will you handle such a situation?
I will handle it.
I will bear your children.
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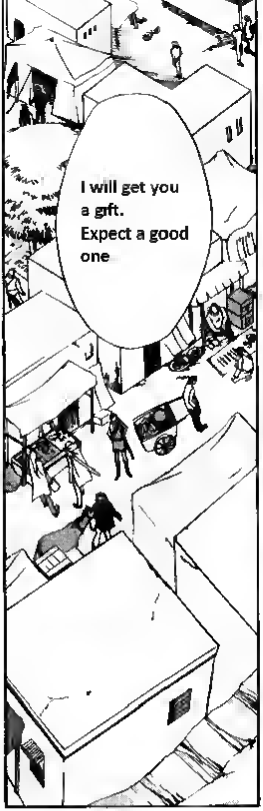
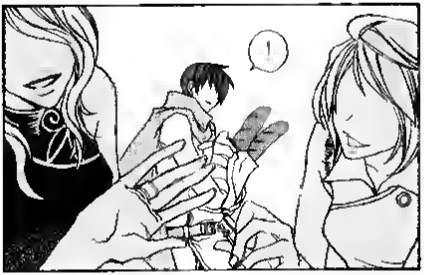
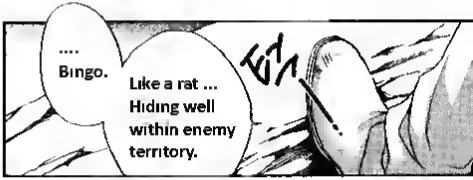
You must find which gender you feel you belong to.
I heard that although human doesn't live long, they pass on their souls and knowledge to their children
And they mate with one female and create something called a family that has strong bond.
What I want is just one -
Let's become a family.
.... You...
I can't be the one?
Because I am not a human?
Sigh, you, geez
You are not to be underestimated, that's for sure.
I did tell you.
As long as one's pretty, everything else is fine.
Muhaha, you are mine now !
I expect you to become a very pretty girl !
Rudin..., are you a perv ?
No, that's my charm.

Rudin ?
Yo - Go back to sleep. It's only earlt dawn.
Where ... are you going ?
To the market ... for good and well some other things.
A kid I know is growing up and is eating a lot.
Ah
Karzen.


I will get you a gift. Expect a good one




.... Bingo.
Like a rat ... Hiding well within enemy territory.

Report this to the top.

Power is not everything ?
That's just a sad excuse that humans made up for being weaklings, Karu.
RUDIN RUDIN
What took you so long ?!
Where is Rudin ... ?
"I will be back before sun goes down."
Fin ?! What happned? You are hurt !
"See you soon"

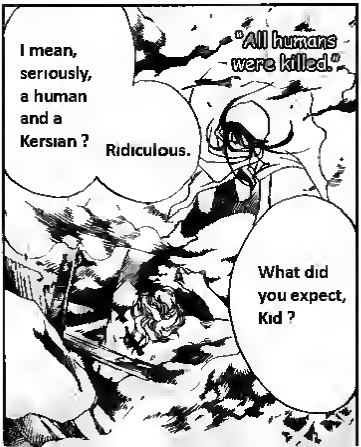
I kind of knew.
I kind of foresaw that this day might come.
Pant
Pant
Pant
I wanted to see.
Even so ...
I wanted to believe.

"Hope" you taught me ...
Argh -
Pin ! Let's -
It's no use.
No way to pass through !
Rudin !
Where are you ?! Answer me !
...!
What ... Friendly ?

I am not regenerating fast enough.
I figured I'd consume a human.
Let go !

Rudin came here ?
Alone ?
He won't answer you.
Or more he cannot.

All humans were killed.
You reek of human, so I assume you are the kid he was talking about.
Why don't you stop being a troublemaker and go back to your village?


I mean, seriously, a human and a Kersian ?
"All humans were killed."
Ridiculous.
What did you expect, Kid ?

If you were expecting, a flaming event, you got i...
All were-
!!
I told you ...

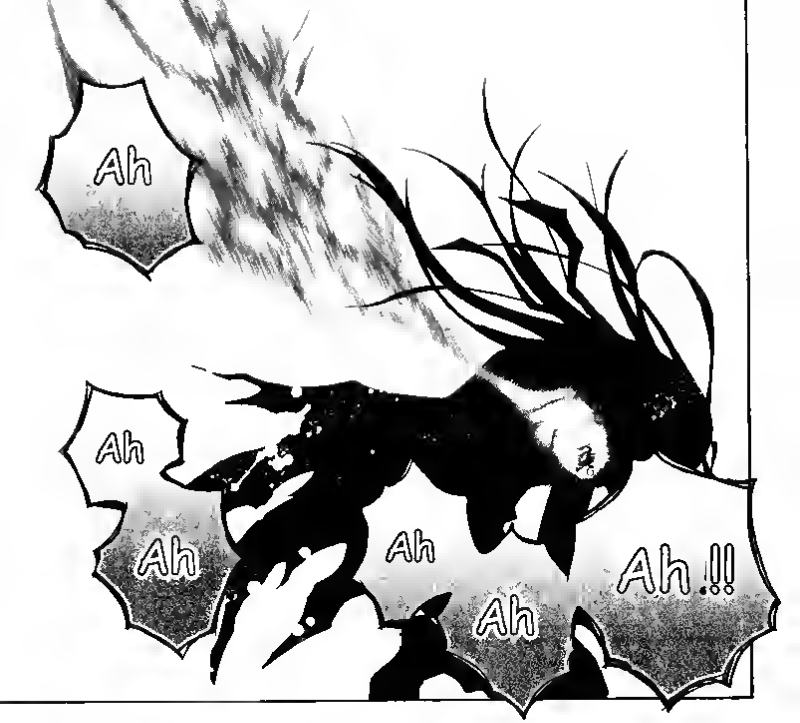
Let go of me !
"There is someone I want to protect."

"I wish to remain by his side and"
"I wish to live for him."

Even if -
it's only for a brief moment -

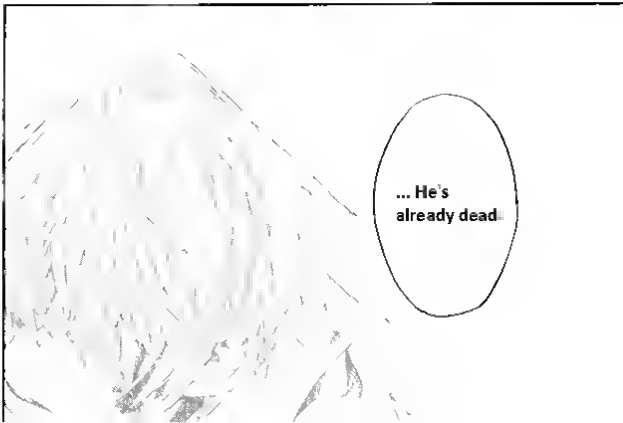
"Karzen, wanna be together?"
Of course ! You gave me this life.
It's your turn now.

... Live
Ugh -



I will find you now wherever you are...

Who is he ? What is she doing ? That's a human !
Leave him be.


... He's already dead

.... Ka...r..zen ?
Is that you ?
Woah, you grew up ... And hey gotten handsome too
You reached your awakening, didn't you
Oh, boy. I so wanted to see you transform.
I so wanted to see you transfrom... .... Haha...
Karzen ...
Don't cry.
I ... I am ... s ... s ...
It's alright.

Thanks ...
for coming to me.
15 years laster their main HQ was destroyed, human forces withdrew all of their armies.
When the lands started to regain its former colors.
When I looked up chasing flower petals,
I was certain that - it - was there.
.... See that, Rudin ?

The blue sky.
Karzen, remember ?
What you told me
on the hill...
The reason humans can live for
eternity is not because they
can create off springs.
It's their memories.
As long as you live in my memories,
you are here. So, don't be sad.
that, Rudin.
is no I
you. I won't let
that
all, my hope.
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Until we meet again
I will wait.
My sky.
the end